

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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**Abstract**

A apparatus support structure (V) for container handling machines, with at least entry and exit stars (A, Z), which are arranged in a manner so they can be driven on support housings (1) and which define in the apparatus support structure (V) a star configuration (K), inside which the support housings (1) are fixed in a support structure (S) which stands on the floor, where the support structure (S) is a pipe and/or profile frame (6) made of the sections (7) and the floor feet (8), which are connected to each other at the nodes (N), in each case by detachable means, either directly or via support housings, where in the feet the support housings are arranged free-standing, in such a manner that open areas (15) are formed around the support housing, and at least some sections (7) can be combined with each other and with the support housings in such a manner that the star configuration (K) can be modified as desired.

(Figure 1)